

REMARKS

The Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

Claims 4 and 16 remain pending.

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 2-5 and 14-17 because of informalities. Claims 1 and 14 have been objected to because of the phrase "adapted to". Claim 1 has also been objected to due to a minor informality. Claims 3-5 and 15-17 have been objected to as being dependent upon objected base claims 1 and 14. Claims 3-5 and 15-17 have been canceled, thereby rendering moot the objections to these claims.

During a telephone conference with the Examiner on September 18, 2008, the Examiner indicated that replacing the phrase "adapted to be connected to" with --for connecting-- would overcome the objection. Claims 4 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form, including this expression. Claim 1 has also been amended to change "an address of a multicast source server" to "the address of the multicast source server", in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

Claims 1, 3 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boers, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0022244 (Boers) in view of Jain, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0079040 (Jain). Claims 14, 15 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Boers and Jain. Claims 1, 3, 5 and 14, 15 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer thereby rendering moot the rejections of these claims.

Claims 4 and 16 are objected to as set forth above, and as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted above, claims 4 and 16 have been thus rewritten.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants request reconsideration of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Mattingly, Stanger & Malur, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (referencing attorney docket no. NIT-378).

Respectfully submitted,

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